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In the Application of

Applicants: Raja Chatterjee et al.

Serial No. 09/496,086

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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Indexing and  
Searching of Multi-Media Web PagesCommissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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5/4/04RESPONSESTATUS OF THIS APPLICATION

This application was finally rejected in an Office Action mailed on October 22, 2003 and a Notice of Appeal of that rejection was filed by facsimile on February 21, 2003. This response is being submitted in lieu of a brief on appeal since it renders the issues on appeal moot. This response requests reopening the prosecution and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection for the reasons presented below.

THIS RESPONSE

This response requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejection on the ground that the principal reference relied upon in making that rejection is a patent owned by the assignee of this application and is hence not available as prior art in support of the outstanding Section 103 obviousness rejection.

In the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, claims 1-17 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Srivastava et al. Patent 6,549,922 when considered in view of Sidana Patent 6,571,295.